

**FOREST ORDER
USDA FOREST SERVICE
SAN JUAN NATIONAL FOREST
Columbine Ranger District**

Camping Restrictions

Pursuant to 16 United States Code (U.S.C.) 551 and 36 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on National Forest System lands on the Columbine Ranger District of the San Juan National Forest, La Plata County, State of Colorado located in Township 40 north, Range 9 west, Sections 21, 22, 28, 29, 33 and 34 (the "Restricted Area") as depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

This Order is necessary to reduce impacts to Forest System Lands in this area caused by Urban Interface use which has resulted in an increase of resource impact and damage due to the improper disposal of human waste, illegal dumping of garbage, illegal drug use, underage drinking and residential use.

PROHIBITIONS:

- 1) Camping on or within ¼ mile of National Forest System Road 576 and/or within ¼ mile of La Plata County Road 201 in the Restricted Area EXCEPT when camping within designated spaces in the Lower Hermosa Campground. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(e)
- 2) Camping within ¼ mile of the Lower Hermosa Campground Loop Road and/or within ¼ mile of the Day Use Parking Area EXCEPT when camping within designated spaces in the Lower Hermosa Campground. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(e)

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

- 1) Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- 2) Any Federal, State or local law enforcement officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force engaged in the performance of an official duty.

This Order shall remain in effect until May 27, 2016, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.

Done at Durango, Colorado, this 29 day of May, 2015

/s/ Michael G. Johnson

Michael G. Johnson
Acting Forest Supervisor

Violations of these regulations are punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. § 3571